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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, EIND, MZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE BANS PRIVATE MAPPING AND SURVEY WORK

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ENACTED ON OCTOBER 23, 1975, A DECREE WHICH BANNED AS OF THAT DATE ALL PRIVATE TOPOGRAPHIC, PHOTOGRAMMETRIC, MAPPING AND LAND SURVEYING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY INDIVIDUALS OF PRIVATE FIRMS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
2. ALL LAND SURVEYING, GEODETIC, AND PHOTOGRAMMETRIC EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS OWNED BY AFFECTED FIRMS, WAS NATIONALIZED.
3. ALL CURRENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN THESE FIRMS AND INDUSTRIAL, MINING, AGRICULTURAL, OR CONSTRUCTION FIRMS, THE GOVERNMENT, OR PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS FOR SURVEY OR RELATED WORK WERE DECLARED NULL AND VOID.
4. ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE DECLARED TO BE RESPONSIBILITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. GPRM'S RATIONALE FOR THE DECREE IS THAT: (A) SUCH PRIVATE ACTIVITIES, WITH OR WITHOUT FOREIGN TECHNICAL SUPPORT, SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE STATE; AND (B) THESE FIRMS WERE INEFFICIENT, AND OFTEN HIRED PERSONNEL FROM THE SAME GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY CERTIFY THEIR WORK, LEADING TO PROFITEERING AND OTHER DUBIOUS ACTIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: THIS MEASURE, OBVIOUSLY TAKEN FOR SECURITY REASONS, IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GPRM'S PASSION FOR SECRECY. INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO HAVE SURVEY WORK DONE WILL BE HURT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, COMPANIES WHO MAY WISH TO DEVELOP MINING OR PETROLEUM INTERESTS HERE WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON AN ULTRA-SUSPICIOUS GOVERNMENT FOR THESE ESSENTIAL SERVICES. ARENALES

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